

Proposed Draft Amendment

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/577,487

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested. Entry of this Amendment Under Rule 116 is merited as it raises no new issues and requires no further search.

Claims 7-11 and 13-15 remain pending. Claim 12 has been canceled in order to expedite prosecution. Claim 13 has been amended to correct claim language. The Examiner's indication of allowable claims 7-11 and 13-15 is noted with appreciation. New dependant claims 16-27, mirroring indicated allowable claims 7 and 9-11, have been added to secure an appropriate scope of protection to which Applicant is believed entitled. The Application is now in condition for allowance.

Early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is courteously solicited.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned, Applicant's attorney of record, to facilitate advancement of the present application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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